

## **HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AUGUST 17, 2020**

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, August 17, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kokomo Event and Conference Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Brad Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Martha Lake.

The meeting was called to order and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes of August 3, 2020, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

#### **MAINTENANCE:**

##### **Government center hallway carpet**

Mr. William Stonestreet presented a quote from Waltman Flooring to install carpet tiles in the government center hallway in the sum of \$9,460.98. Mr. Stonestreet would also like to install new cove base in the sum of \$1,000.00, for a clean look. He is asking the board for a total of \$10,500.00 for this project to be paid from Cum. Cap. Account line number 1138.47243.000.0000. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the installation of the carpet tiles and the cove base in the sum of \$10,500.00. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

##### **Hands free fixture installation**

Mr. Stonestreet addressed the CARES Grant project in the mount of \$142,000.00, for purchase and installation of hands-free faucets and fixtures. The installation would need to be completed by December 31, 2020; which is the deadline for the grant to fund this project.

#### **INFORMATION SYSTEMS:**

IT Director Jeremy Stevens addressed the board with the request for authorization to proceed in purchasing laptops with document stations utilizing the CARES grant. He stated that the laptops would easily convert from use within the county to a quick unplug for remote use, should a quarantine be required in the future or a necessity arises to work from home. He will be utilizing grant fund for the purchase of the laptops and document stations.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:**

Howard County Auditor Martha Lake submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners' information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners' Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on August 28, 2020, in the amount of \$839,090.82, were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners' Operating Claims paid August 3, 2020, in the amount of \$711,861.51, were submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Mr. Dodd. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bray, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Weights and Measures from July 16, 2020 through August 16, 2020; and the Treasurer's Office month ending June 31, 2020.
4. **Auditor's Office:** Auditor Martha Lake presented the renewal of the Malcon proposal for the preparation of the Annual Countywide IV-D Cost Allocation Plans 2020-2022. The cost of the three year plan is \$14,500.00, which requires the signature of the board president, Paul Wyman. Mr. Dodd made the motion

to approve the agreement in the sum of \$14,500.00, and authorize the board president to sign, as requested. Mr. Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:**

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented Ordinance No. 2020-BCCO-34, an Ordinance extending the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration to September 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Resident Brad Semen, located at 10954 E 100 S. Greentown, addressed the board regarding the ENGIE Group and the potential of a solar energy field. He had concerns regarding the data availability by ENGIE Group and their comparison of Greentown, Indiana to Long Jaw, Texas where the census is only 648 people. President Wyman explained that ENGIE does have a Facebook page with information that is available to the public.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners  
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. on a motion  
made by Mr. Dodd, seconded by Mr. Bray, and carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

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PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

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ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

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JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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MARTHA J. LAKE, AUDITOR

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